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Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the art listed on the accompanying Form HDP-1449 (based on Form PTO-1449) is being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each of the listed references is included herewith.

The listed references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The EP 0 464 766 B1 reference is directed to a system for processing parcel shipping and enabling shipments received from various shippers to be conveyed to their respective recipients via various carriers on the basis of data defining a recipient and a carrier for each shipment, together with a specific one of that carrier's services which is to be used.

In the event a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above-identified application prior to the certificate of mailing date set forth above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Applicant's attorney's Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this information disclosure statement is enclosed for this purpose.

The Examiner is requested to consider the enclosed information and make it of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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